Olarikkara Aided School.

345. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state what is the distance according to the Engineering Department from the Olarikkara Aided School for Depressed Classes to the neighbouring schools?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—The schedule of distance prepared by the P. W. D. does not show the exact distances from one school to another nor have mile and furlong stones been fixed between schools. The neighbouring schools are approximately more than a mile distant from the Olarikkara School.

Naduppanthi.

346. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Member in charge of the P. W. D. be pleased to state:—

(a) that the trustees of the Arthat-Kunnamkulam Churches have not agreed to allow the Government to acquire the verandahs of the Church building at Naduppanthi in Kunnamkulam;

(b) whether it is not recorded on page 1796 of the Legislative Council report, Vol. II, Part 22, the remarks of the Diwan-President, "I have myself sanctioned the work. Accidents are likely to occur there, as there is no bell-mouth there";

(c) whether the work of widening the Naduppanthi, reported to have been sanctioned as quoted above, has yet been taken up for execution;

(d) whether the bell-mouths will soon be made in order to avoid accidents;

(e) whether this matter has not been repeatedly brought to the attention of the Government in the last so many years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The trustees have agreed to sell to the Government a portion of the verandahs of a building at Naduppanthi, Kunnamkulam for a price of about Rs. 8,000. The Government consider that the price asked for is exorbitant as, having regard to the extent of the area in question, the cost works up to nearly 8 lakhs of rupees per acre. Further, though this will improve the junction, the improvement so effected will still be very inadequate. Unless the people are more reasonable in their demands, the old order of things will have to continue. The Member is referred to Government Order Dis. 2622/D/99, dated March 27, 1924, a copy of which is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

(b) Yes.

(c) No.

(d) Vide answer to (a) above.

(e) Yes.

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APPENDIX IV.

(Vide answer to question No. 346.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Local and Miscellaneous Department.

(Medical and Sanitation.)

Read letter No.C. 24/1099, dated 24th Dhanu 1099, from the Secretary T. I. C., Kunnamkulam, forwarded by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

(2) S. C. No. 495/1099, dated 15th February 1924, from the Diwan Peishkar.

And (3) C. 938/1099, dated 22nd May 1924, from the Chief Engineer.

Order dated 27th May 1924, Dis. 2022/D/1099.

The question of widening the cross road can be considered only if the owners of the buildings at the four corners are willing to part with portions of their houses free of compensation as the expenditure would otherwise be prohibitive.

2. Works to the extent of the allotment available may be completed during the current year. Any additional works must wait for execution next year.

3. The Diwan Peishkar is requested to see that the Survey stones standing in the middle of the new roads are removed as soon as the roads are demarcated.

4. The Committee's suggestion to award a larger percentage of land value to the tenants is contrary to law and cannot be accepted.

(True extract)

(Signed.)
Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Secretary, T. I. C. (through the C. M. and S. O.)
The Diwan Peishkar.
The Chief Engineer.

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